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## Work at Knoxville/Lake intersection begins July 13

Project will increase left-turn safety

**PEORIA** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that improvements to the intersection of Knoxville Avenue (Illinois 40) and Lake Street in Peoria begin July 13.

The project involves rebuilding the medians in both directions of Knoxville Avenue to allow for offset left-turn lanes as well as other related items. Offset left-turn lanes are oriented such that they do not line up directly across from each other, which increases the visibility of oncoming traffic and makes left turns safer.

The work will require lane closures on Knoxville, and traffic patterns will change as it progresses. Motorists also can expect lane reductions on southbound Knoxville as well as on Lake Street. All construction is expected to be complete by early October.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

For IDOT District 4 updates, follow us on Twitter at <a href="mailto:orrange"><u>@IDOTDistrict4</u></a> or view area construction details on IDOT's <a href="mailto:traveler information map">traveler information map</a> on GettingAroundIllinois.com and <a href="https://www.gettingaroundpeoria.com">www.gettingaroundpeoria.com</a>.

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